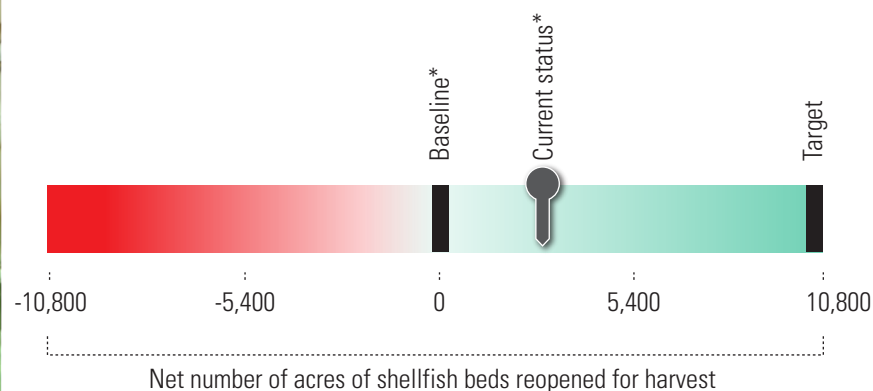


Shellfish Beds

Acres of harvestable shellfish beds

Progress Toward the 2020 Target

A net increase of 10,800 harvestable shellfish acres, including 7,000 acres where harvest had been prohibited, between 2007 and 2020.

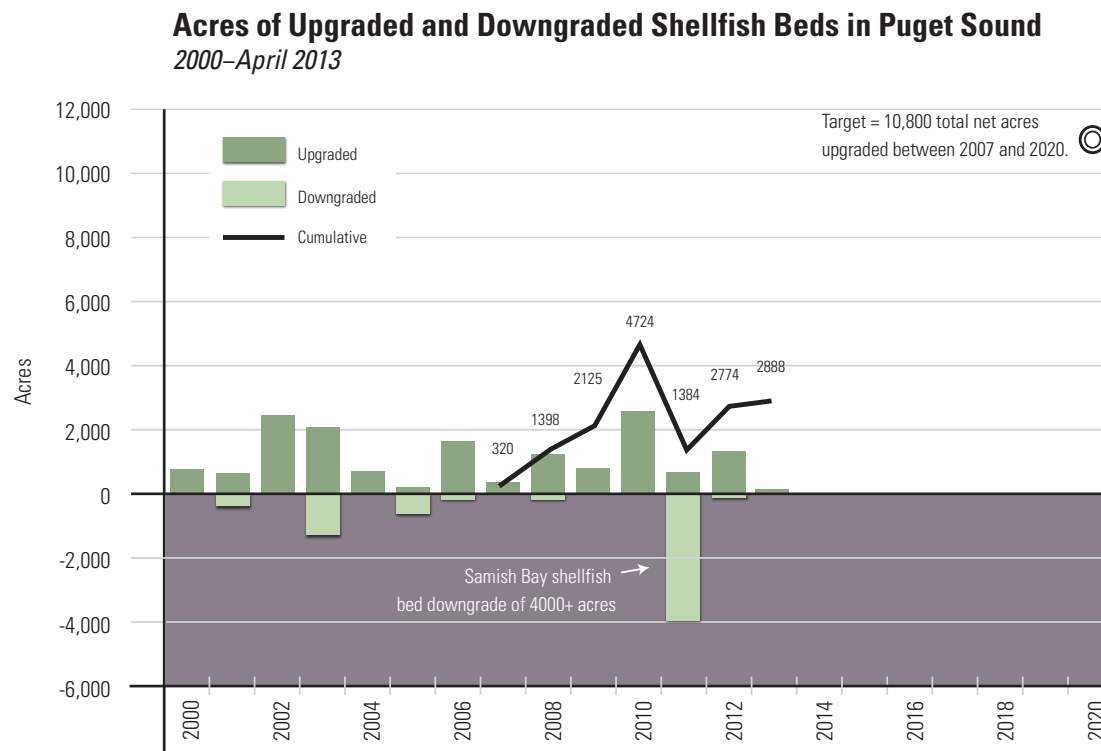


* The baseline value is set at 0 as a starting point for measuring progress. The status is the total net number of acres of shellfish beds newly opened for harvest from 2007 through April of 2013.

Is There Progress Toward the 2020 Target?

There is progress toward the 2020 target. Any shellfish bed whose status is upgraded results in newly harvestable acres that are counted toward the 2020 target. Between 2007 and April 2013, more acres of shellfish beds were upgraded than downgraded across all classifications, resulting in a net increase

of 2,888 acres of harvestable shellfish beds. A net 3,879 acres of shellfish beds were upgraded from the Prohibited classification (4,026 acres upgraded minus 147 acres downgraded to Prohibited).

**Figure 3.6.**

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Office of Shellfish and Water Protection

However, these upgrades in growing area classifications from 2007 through April 2013 were dramatically offset by the recent downgrade of the Samish Bay shellfish growing area (4,037 acres), impacting the overall net acreage gained since 2007 and slowing progress toward the 2020 goal.

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For more in-depth information, please see:

www.psp.wa.gov/vitalsigns/shellfish_beds_reopened.php